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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fee in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, above line 5, please insert the heading -- Background of the Invention: --

Page 4, above line 10, please insert the heading -- Summary of the Invention: --

Page 5, above line 11, please insert the following:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is an illustration of the device in the closed-off position;

Fig. 2 is an illustration of the device in an opened position to allow entry of the implant; and

Fig. 3 shows the implant being pushed toward the tip of the device.

Brief Description of the Preferred Embodiment --